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## ASIAN ART MUSEUM HOSTS AN ORIGAMI ODYSSEY WITH ARTIST PETER ENGEL



*Peter Engel's Ganesh 1-4 and Ganesh on His Throne are the artist's homage to Andy Warhol.*

Origami's not what it used to be. Here's your chance to learn what's new about this ancient art from a world renowned origami artist and scholar. A frequent exhibitor at galleries and museums and the author of three acclaimed books, Peter Engel draws his subject matter from the worlds of nature, mythology, and play. Engel is as inspired by the minimalist Japanese arts of calligraphy, brush painting, and Zen garden design as he is contemporary developments in art and science. He captures the essence of his subjects in compositions that are evocative, abstract, and strikingly modern.

Families can stop by anytime to meet the artist, see his latest designs, purchase signed copies of his books in the museum store, and participate in hands-on paperfolding led by museum volunteers. Engel will also conduct thirty-minute slide presentations at 1:30 pm and 3:00 pm to share his design secrets and reflect on the artistic, scientific, and philosophical ideas that have given new life to this traditional art form.

Engel's newest book, *Origami Odyssey: A Journey to the Edge of Paperfolding*, has been lauded by artists, scientists, and designers including the Asian Art Museum's own Melissa Rinne, Associate Curator of Japanese Art; evolutionary biologist Niles Eldredge of the Division of Paleontology, American Museum of Natural History; and Tom Rockwell, Director of Exhibits at the Exploratorium.

### **ABOUT THE ASIAN ART MUSEUM**

The Asian Art Museum—Chong-Moon Lee Center for Asian Art and Culture is one of San Francisco's premier arts institutions and home to a world-renown collection of more than 18,000 Asian Art treasures spanning 6000 years of history. Through rich art experiences, centered on historic and contemporary artworks, the Asian Art Museum unlocks the past for visitors, bringing it to life, while serving as a catalyst for new art, new creativity and new thinking.

**Information:** 415.581.3500 or [www.asianart.org](http://www.asianart.org)

**Location:** 200 Larkin Street, San Francisco, CA 94102

**Hours:** The museum is open Tuesdays through Sundays from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. From January through October, hours are extended on Thursdays until 9:00 pm. Closed Mondays, as well as New Year's Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

**General Admission:** FREE for museum members, \$12 for adults, \$8 for seniors (65+), \$7 for college students with ID, \$7 for youths 13–17, and FREE for children under 12 and SFUSD students with ID. Admission on Thursdays after 5:00 pm is \$5 for all visitors (except those under 12, SFUSD students, and members, who are always admitted FREE). Admission is FREE to all on Target First Free Sundays (the first Sunday of every month). A surcharge may apply for admission into special exhibitions.

**Access:** The Asian Art Museum is wheelchair accessible. For more information regarding access: 415.581.3598; TDD: 415.861.2035.